



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026 (AFTERNOON SITTING)**

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.
3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:

**a) Operationalization of the Taiden Multimedia Congress System**

“Honourable Senators,

I have a communication to make regarding the operationalisation of the Taiden Multimedia Congress System.

As you may recall, the Taiden Multimedia Congress System was installed during the recess between December 2025 and February 2026 to manage the various aspects of Senate proceedings in plenary. The installation of the new Chamber system was necessitated by persistent system challenges experienced with the former Braehler Congress System, which had become obsolete after its use for over ten years.

I have issued several Communications since the operationalisation of the new system in February 2026, seeking to apprise the House of the status of installation and configuration of the system. You will also recall that, on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, the Office of the Clerk organised a

briefing session for Honourable Senators to familiarize themselves with the operation of the system.

Honourable Senators,

As you will further recall, several Senators rose on points of order after I issued a communication in the afternoon sitting on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026 regarding the operationalisation of additional features of the newly installed Chamber system. The Senators raised concerns on, *inter alia*, the accessibility of documents on delegate units, overall use and navigation of the system as well as data protection with respect to collection, use and storage of biometric data.

After listening to the concerns by Senators, I undertook to engage the Office of the Clerk and the service providers on the matter and, thereafter, issue further directions.

Honourable Senators,

On the issue of collection, use and storage of Senators' biometric data, I would like to draw your attention to a letter reference *SEN/DLPS/CORR/2026/(02)* and dated 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 from the Clerk of the Senate to all Senators. The letter addresses the concerns on data protection and, among other things, assures that biometric data will be used for secure authentication and Chamber access, be stored in a secure local server within the Senate's ICT infrastructure and be permanently deleted at the end of a Senator's term.

On the other matters raised by Senators, I wish to reiterate that the installation and configuration process for the system is still ongoing. The service providers are on site undertaking necessary systems configurations and installing appropriate software updates to suit the needs of the Senate.

Nevertheless, following consultations with the Office of the Clerk and the service providers, a *Kamukunji* will be convened next week on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 1.00 pm, where the Contract Implementation Team responsible for the installation of the Chamber system and the service providers will respond to all issues highlighted by Senators.

I thank you.”

**b) Launch of the First Edition of the Annotated Senate Standing Orders and three other publications**

“Honourable Senators,

As you will recall, I issued a Communication yesterday, Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, inviting you to attend the official launch of the first edition of the Annotated Senate Standing Orders and three (3) other publications on

the mediation process during the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Parliaments, the process of allocation of revenue to county governments between the 2013/2014 and 2021/2022 financial years and the impeachment processes in the Senate from 2013 to 2022.

Following further consultations, I take this opportunity to inform you that the launch ceremony will commence at 12 Noon, tomorrow, Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, at the Parliament Restaurant Garden.

Honourable Senators,

This will be a momentous occasion for the Senate because for the first time in the history of the Parliament of Kenya, an annotated version of the Standing Orders will be published. Collectively, these publications provide a comprehensive reference regarding the role and work of the Senate. They serve as valuable resources for the general public, parliamentary officers, scholars, and researchers interested in legislative procedures and practices. In addition, the publications promote transparency and accountability, serve as authoritative records of Senate procedures, support public participation and informed citizenship, as well as contribute to institutional memory, continuity, and further research.

I urge all Senators to come and take pride in the work of the Senate.

I thank you.”

**c) Visiting delegation of 21<sup>st</sup> Congress Members of the Kenya University Students Association (KUSA)**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation of 21<sup>st</sup> Congress Members of the Kenyatta University Students’ Association (KUSA). The delegation comprises sixty-nine (69) students, who are visiting the Senate for an academic exposition.

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

**d) Visiting delegation of teachers and students from ACK Ziwa Senior School in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation of ten (10) teachers and seventy (70) students from ACK Ziwa Senior School in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County. The delegation is visiting the Senate for an academic exposition.

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

5. **MESSAGES FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Speaker conveyed the following Messages from the National Assembly:

**a. Decision of the National Assembly on the Senate Amendments to the Public Service (Values and Principles) (Amendment) Bill**

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3) and (4), I have received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the decision of the National Assembly on the Senate amendments to the Public Service (Values and Principles) (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 46 of 2022).

The Message, dated Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2026 was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (5), I now report the Message –

*“PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 148(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly—*

*WHEREAS, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the National Assembly passed the Public Service (Values and Principles) (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 46 of 2022) with amendments and thereafter referred the Bill to the Senate for consideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution;*

*AND WHEREAS, on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the Senate considered and passed the said Bill with amendments and referred it back to the National Assembly for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(a) of the Constitution;*

*FURTHER WHEREAS, on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the National Assembly considered and rejected the Senate amendments to the said Bill, consequently committing the Bill to a mediation committee pursuant to the provisions of Article 112(2)(b) of the Constitution;*

*NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 149(1)(a) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate and seek the appointment of five (5)*

*Senators to a mediation committee to consider the Bill in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 of the Constitution.”*

Honourable Senators,

Consequent to the said decision, the Speaker of the National Assembly appointed the following Members of the National Assembly to the Mediation Committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution:

- (1) Hon. Omboko Milemba, CBS, MP;
- (2) Hon. Rahim Dawood, CBS, MP;
- (3) Hon. Rahab Mukami, MP;
- (4) Hon. Dorice Donya, MP; and
- (5) Hon. Fatuma Jehow, MP.

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 166(2) of the Senate, and in consultation with the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, I will, at an appropriate time, appoint Senators to the Mediation Committee.

I thank you.”

**b. Decision of the National Assembly on the Fire and Rescue Services Professionals Bill (Senate Bills No. 55 of 2023)**

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3), I have received a Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the decision of the National Assembly on the Fire and Rescue Services Professionals Bill (Senate Bills No. 55 of 2023).

The Message, dated Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2026, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (4), I now report the Message -

*“PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 148(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly:*

*WHEREAS, on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, the Senate passed the Fire and Rescue Services Professionals Bill (Senate Bills No. 55 of 2023) with amendments and referred it to the National Assembly for consideration pursuant to the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution;*

*FURTHER WHEREAS, on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, the National Assembly rejected the Motion for Second Reading of the said Bill,*

*consequently committing it to a mediation committee pursuant to the provisions of Article 112(2)(b) of the Constitution;*

*NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 149(1)(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate and seek the appointment of seven (7) Senators to a mediation committee to consider the Bill in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 of the Constitution.”*

Honourable Senators,

Consequent to the said decision, the Speaker of the National Assembly appointed the following Members of the National Assembly to the Mediation Committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution:

1. Hon. Peter Lochakapong, CBS, MP;
2. Hon. Liza Chelule, CBS, MP;
3. Hon. Joseph Munyoro, MP;
4. Hon. Charo Kazungu, MP;
5. Hon. Esther Passaris, OGW, MP;
6. Hon. Fatuma Zainabu, CBS, MP; and
7. Hon. Jared Okello, MP.

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 166(2) of the Senate, and in consultation with the Senate Majority Leader and Senate Minority Leader, I will, at an appropriate time, appoint Senators to the Mediation Committee.

I thank you.”

**c. Decision of the National Assembly on the Senate Amendments to the Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 7 of 2024)**

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3), I have received a Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the decision of the National Assembly on the Senate amendments to the Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 7 of 2024).

The Message, dated Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2026, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (4), I now report the Message -

*“PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 148(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly:*

*WHEREAS, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2024, the National Assembly considered and passed the Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 7 of 2024) with amendments and referred it to the Senate for consideration pursuant to the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution;*

*AND WHEREAS, on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2025, the Senate considered and passed the said Bill with amendments and referred it back to the National Assembly for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(a) of the Constitution;*

*FURTHER WHEREAS, on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, the National Assembly rejected the Motion for consideration of the Senate amendments to the said Bill, consequently committing the Bill to a mediation committee pursuant to the provisions of Article 112(2)(b) of the Constitution;*

*NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 149(1)(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate and seek the appointment of nine (9) Senators to a mediation committee to consider the Bill in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 of the Constitution.”*

Honourable Senators,

Consequent to the said decision, the Speaker of the National Assembly appointed the following Members of the National Assembly to the Mediation Committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution:

1. Hon. Mariane Kitany, MP;
2. Hon. (Dr.) Beatrice Adagala, MP;
3. Hon. Joshua Mwalyo, MP;
4. Hon. Robert Gichimu, MP;
5. Hon. John Bwire, MP;
6. Hon. Ali Wario, M.P;
7. Hon. Anthony Oluoch, MP;
8. Hon. Joyce Kamene, MP; and
9. Hon. (Dr.) Oundo Ojiambo, MP

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 166(2) of the Senate, and in consultation with the Senate Majority Leader and Senate Minority Leader, I will, at an appropriate time, appoint Senators to the Mediation Committee.

I thank you.”

**d. Decision of the National Assembly on the Senate Amendments to the National Construction Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 59 of 2022)**

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3) and (4), I have received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the decision of the National Assembly on the Senate amendments to the National Construction Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 59 of 2022).

The Message, dated Thursday, 23rd April, 2026 was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (5), I now report the Message –

*“PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 148(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly—*

*WHEREAS, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the National Assembly passed the National Construction Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 59 of 2022) with amendments and thereafter referred the Bill to the Senate for consideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution;*

*AND WHEREAS, on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Senate considered and passed the said Bill with amendments and referred it back to the National Assembly for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(a) of the Constitution;*

*FURTHER WHEREAS, on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025, the National Assembly considered and rejected the Senate amendments to the said Bill, consequently committing the Bill to a mediation committee pursuant to the provisions of Article 112(2)(b) of the Constitution;*

*NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 149(1)(a) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate and seek the appointment of seven (7) Senators to a mediation committee to consider the Bill in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 of the Constitution.”*

Honourable Senators,

Consequent to the said decision, the Speaker of the National Assembly appointed the following Members of the National Assembly to the Mediation Committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution:

1. Hon. Rindikiri Murwithania, CBS, MP;
2. Hon. Jane Kagiri, OGW, MP;
3. Hon. John Wanjiku, MP;
4. Hon. Joseph Chererot, MP;
5. Hon. Zamzam Mohamed, MP;
6. Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi, CBS, MP; and
7. Hon. (CS) Irene Mayaka, MP.

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 166(2) of the Senate, and in consultation with the Senate Majority Leader and Senate Minority Leader, I will, at an appropriate time, appoint Senators to the Mediation Committee.

I thank you.”

6. **PAPER LAID**

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the Senate:

Report of the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology on its consideration of the Electronic Equipment Disposal Recycling and Reuse Bill (Senate Bills No. 5 of 2025).

*(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology)*

7. **NOTICE OF MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 24 OF 2023)**

(The Vice Chairperson, Mediation Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Mediation Committee on the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 24 of 2023), laid on the table of the Senate on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, and that pursuant to Article 113(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 167(3) of the Senate, approves the mediated version of the Bill.

8. **QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS**

**a) Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)**

- i) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the regulation and compliance of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions in the country.
- ii) The Senator for Trans Nzoia County (Sen. Allan Chesang, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology regarding the concerns raised by Kenyan content creators

on monetization practices and revenue sharing mechanism on X particularly in relation to fairness, transparency and equitable participation in the digital economy.

- iii) The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding human wildlife conflict in Kitui County.
  - iv) The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the horrific killing of seven people in Kwa Kamari Tseikuru ward, Kitui County by bandits on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 and the killing of a school boy in Ukasi Nguni ward Kitui County on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.
  - v) Request for Statement by the Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the employment practices of M/S Devki Steel Mills manufacturing plant in Taita Taveta County was dropped in the absence of the Senator.
9. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY THE KENYA UNION OF CLINICAL OFFICERS (KUCO) REGARDING ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION, INTERFERENCE AND VIOLATION OF CLINICAL OFFICERS' PRACTICE RIGHTS BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS AND THE SOCIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on a Petition to the Senate by the Kenya Union of Clinical Officers (KUCO) regarding alleged discrimination, interference and violation of Clinical Officers' practice rights by the Ministry of Health, the Council of Governors and the Social Health Authority, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026.

*(The Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health – 21.04.2026)*

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting) resumed for the Mover to reply;

Thereupon, Mover replied;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties.

And the Speaker having ascertained that there was Quorum, pursuant to

Standing Order 42 (1);

Question put and agreed to.

**RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY**

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on a Petition to the Senate by the Kenya Union of Clinical Officers (KUCO) regarding alleged discrimination, interference and violation of Clinical Officers' practice rights by the Ministry of Health, the Council of Governors and the Social Health Authority, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026.

10. **THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2026)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2026) be now read a Second Time.

*(The Senate Majority Leader- 28.04.2026)*

Debate interrupted on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 resumed;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

11. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past six O'clock.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 2:30 pm*

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